

Claims

What is claimed is:

1. A content delivery system comprising:

a reception module comprising a payment acceptor;

5 a content provider remotely positioned from said reception module and

communicating with the reception module via a communication link; and

said content provider dynamically providing content to said reception module for
limited periods of time upon receipt of payment through said payment acceptor and

without a requirement of a pre-existing account between said content provider and said

10 reception module.

2. The content delivery system of claim 1 wherein said communications link comprises a
wireless communication link.

15 3. The content delivery system of claim 2 wherein said wireless communication link
comprises a satellite communication link.

4. The content delivery system of claim 1 wherein said communication link comprises a
wirebased communication link.

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5. The content delivery system of claim 4 wherein said wirebased communication link
comprises a cable communication link.

6. The content delivery system of claim 1 wherein said reception module comprises an identifying address.

5 7. The content delivery system of claim 6 wherein said identifying address comprises an IP address.

8. The content delivery system of claim 6 wherein said identifying address comprises a telephone number.

10 9. The content delivery system of claim 1 wherein said payment acceptor comprises a magnetic card reader.

10. The content delivery system of claim 1 wherein said payment acceptor comprises a keypad adapted to receive account information therethrough, said account information
15 selected from the group consisting of: credit card account information, debit card account information, and bank account information.

11. The content delivery system of claim 1 wherein said reception module is positioned in rental property.

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12. The content delivery system of claim 11 wherein said reception module is positioned in a rental condominium.

13. The content delivery system of claim 1 wherein said content provider delivers television content to said reception module.

14. The content delivery system of claim 1 wherein said content provider delivers video
5 content to said reception module.

15. The content delivery system of claim 1 wherein said content provider delivers internet access to said reception module.

10 16. The content delivery system of claim 1 wherein said content provider delivers video games to said reception module.

17. The content delivery system of claim 1 wherein said reception module comprises a set top box.

15 18. The content delivery system of claim 1 wherein said reception module is integrated into a television.

19. The content delivery system of claim 1 wherein said content provider provides a
20 plurality of predetermined content packages from which a consumer may select and for which the consumer may pay through said payment acceptor.

20. The content delivery system of claim 19 wherein said plurality of predetermined content packages comprise time limited packages.

21. The content delivery system of claim 19 wherein said plurality of predetermined
5 content packages comprise topic limited packages.

22. The content delivery system of claim 21 wherein said topic limited packages
comprise packages selected from the group consisting of: sports packages, news
packages, movie packages, and broadcast packages.

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23. The content delivery system of claim 1 wherein said reception module further
comprises local memory.

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24. The content delivery system of claim 23 wherein said local memory comprises
commercials relating to local business establishments.

25. A method of providing content to consumers, comprising:

positioning a reception module with a payment acceptor at a property;

selectively communicating with the reception module from a content provider;

receiving payment information from the reception module without a requirement

5 for a preexisting account; and

delivering content over a communication link to the reception module.

26. The method of claim 25 wherein positioning the reception module at the property
comprises positioning the reception module at a piece of rental property.

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27. The method of claim 26 wherein positioning the reception module at the piece of
rental property comprises positioning the reception module in a rental condominium.

28. The method of claim 25 wherein delivering content over the communication link

15 comprises delivering content over a wireless communication link.

29. The method of claim 28 wherein delivering content over the wireless communication
link comprises delivering content via a satellite.

20 30. The method of claim 25 wherein delivering content over the communication link
comprises delivering content over a wirebased communication link.

31. The method of claim 30 wherein delivering content over the wirebased communication link comprises delivering content over a cable system.

5 32. The method of claim 25 further comprising receiving, at the content provider, an identifying address from the reception module.

33. The method of claim 32 wherein receiving an identifying address from the reception module comprises receiving a telephone number from the reception module.

10 34. The method of claim 32 wherein receiving an identifying address from the reception module comprises receiving an IP address from the reception module.

15 35. The method of claim 25 wherein receiving payment information from the reception module comprises receiving payment information from a magnetic card reader associated with the reception module.

36. The method of claim 25 wherein receiving payment information from the reception module comprises receiving payment information from a keypad associated with the reception module.

20 37. The method of claim 25 wherein receiving payment information from the reception module comprises receiving payment information from a remote control device.

38. The method of claim 25 wherein delivering content over the communication link to the reception module comprises delivering television content.

39. The method of claim 25 wherein delivering content over the communication link to
5 the reception module comprises delivering video content.

40. The method of claim 25 wherein delivering content over the communication link to the reception module comprises delivering internet access.

10 41. The method of claim 25 wherein delivering content over the communication link to the reception module comprises delivering video games.

42. The method of claim 25 wherein positioning the reception module with the payment acceptor at the property comprises positioning a set top box at the property.

15 43. The method of claim 25 wherein delivering content over the communication link comprises delivering one of a plurality of predetermined content packages from which a consumer may select and for which the consumer may pay through the payment acceptor.

20 44. The method of claim 43 wherein delivering one of the plurality of predetermined content packages comprises delivering one of a plurality of time limited packages.

45. The method of claim 43 wherein delivering one of the plurality of predetermined content packages comprises delivering one of a plurality of topic limited packages.

46. The method of claim 25 further comprising presenting advertisements for local
5 establishments to a potential consumer through the reception module.

47. A method of generating revenue, comprising:

creating a system as set forth in claim 1; and

promoting said system to rental property managers.

5 48. The method of claim 47 wherein promoting said system to rental property managers comprises promoting said system to rental property owners.

49. The method of claim 47 wherein promoting said system to rental property managers comprises promoting said system in resort communities to managers of rental

10 condominiums.

50. The method of claim 25 further comprising dynamically assigning an IP address to the reception module from the content provider.